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SUBJECT: OAU STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA

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1. ADDRESSEES SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED REFTEL A, BUT TO CLARIFY ANY REMAINING CONFUSION, THERE FOLLOWS VERBATIM TEXT OF RELEVANT SECTIONS OF OAU STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA, AS QUOTED IN AUG 26 ETHIOPIAN HERALD. IN REFERENCE TO TURNHALLE TALKS; QUOTE THE OAU HAS DENOUNCED THEM AS SUCH (I.E. SHAM) BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF NAMIBIA, NAMELY SWAPO, EXCLUDED FROM THEM, BUT THEY ARE ALSO MEANS TO IMPOSE A BANTUSTAN SYSTEM ON THE TERRITORY, END QUOTE. THIS OBVIOUSLY AFP REFERENCE TO TRIBALISM. THE OAU STATEMENT CONTINUES; QUOTE EQUALLY, THE OAU HAS REJECTED THE SO-CALLED WESTERN INITIATIVES WHERE THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS HAVE BEEN

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ENGAGED IN TALKS WITH THE RACIST AND OCCUPATION REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE CHIEF MOTIVATION BEHIND THESE SO-CALLED WESTERN INITIATIVES IS THE DESIRE TO IMPOSE A NEOCOLONIALIST SYSTEM UPON NAMIBIA THEREBY ENSURING THE CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF THE TERRITORY'S NATURAL RESOURCES BY FOREIGN POWERS. THE SO-CALLED WESTERN INITIATIVES, THEREFORE, ARE DEVIANT ATTEMPTS TO GO ROUND THE OAU'S AND

SWAPO'S INSISTENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 WHICH CALLS FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE HOLDING OF DIRECT ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORY UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION. AS LONG AS THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT IMPLEMENTED THE OAU FEELS DUTY-BOUND TO CONTINUE CALLING FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE. END QUOTE. FURTHER ON, IN REFERENCE TO SWAPO'S SEVEN CONDITIONS, STATEMENT ADDED, QUOTE ANYTHING SHORT OF THIS WILL NOT SATISFY THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE SWAPO, AND INDEED THE OAU, WHOSE SUPPORT FOR THE SWAPO CAUSE REMAINS UNSHAKEN. END QUOTE.

2. OAU STATEMENT DID EMPLOY WORD "REJECT" BUT NOT WORD "UN-ACCEPTABLE". AFP APPEARS TO HAVE EDITORIALIZED FROM OAU STATEMENT ABOUT "UNACCEPTABILITY" OF WESTERN INITIATIVES AND HAS GIVEN "REJECTION" MORE ABSOLUTIST INTERPRETATION THAN FULL STATEMENT SEEMS TO REPLY. IT ALSO APPEARS "TALKS" REFERRED TO ARE TURNHALLE ONES, WHICH US, TOO HAS FOUND "UN-ACCEPTABLE".

3. WILL POUCH FULL AND OFFICIAL OAU TEXT AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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